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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY VANCE

REF: (A) LAGOS 3589, (B) LAGOS 3078

1. WE NOW ANTICIPATE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE
WILL BE HELD SUNDAY MORNING APRIL 2 (SEE SEPTTEL). THIS
EVENT WILL BE ADDED TO SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WHEN FINAL
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

2. SINCE THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE PROVIDES FOR TWO HEADS
OF STATE MEETINGS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A SEPARATE GARBA/
VANCE MEETING WILL BE NECESSARY. IF ONE IS REQUIRED, IT
CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2 DURING THE HARBOR
TOUR.

3. AS SUGGESTED PARA 4 REF B, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE FOR SECRETARY TO DEDICATE NEW EMBASSY BUILDING
DURING VISIT. DEDICATION CEREMONY WOULD BE BRIEF AND
BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS AUDIENCE WOULD BE LIMITED.
THIS WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR EMBASSY STAFF, AMERICAN AND
LOCAL, AND FAMILIES TO SEE SECRETARY DURING VISIT. IN
ADDITION, EMBASSY WOULD INVITE LIMITED NUMBER OF AMERICAN
AND NIGERIAN BUSINESS MEN.

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4. WE BELIEVE BEST TIME FOR DEDICATION WOULD BE AFTERNOON
APRIL 2 BETWEEN 14:00 AND 14:30 ALLOWING SECRETARY TIME
TO JOIN PRESIDENT FOR HARBOR TOUR IF HE DESIRES. ALTERNATIVELY,
IF FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE IS NOT HELD, MORNING
BETWEEN 9:00 AND 10:00 WHEN PRESIDENT IS AT CHURCH AND IT
IS COOLER FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WOULD BE BETTER TIME.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SECRETARY DESIRES TO DEDICATE NEW
EMBASSY BUILDING.
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